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Filed: May 9, 2001

For: COMBINATIONS OF GENES FOR
PRODUCING SEED PLANTS
EXHIBITING MODULATED
REPRODUCTIVE DEVELOPMENT

Examiner: Stuart F. Baum

Art Unit: 1638

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 and
§1.98

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Sir:

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Also enclosed is a copy of the Search/Examination report corresponding to the PCT application.

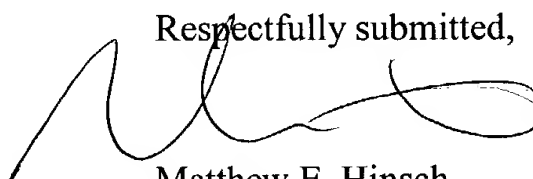
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